

Yours Truly Nov 18th 1855

Dear Cousin Lyman

Your welcome letter came to hands in due time and I'm mighty glad I was to hear from you. Well I am enjoying myself as well as my poor health will allow. I have been having an awful time with the Ague & Chill fever last week was the third attack I have had it, generally last me about a week and then leaves me about two weeks. And then comes on again with renewed force. I am just recovering from a severe time of it, that I had last week. Nick it does make me look awful sober and by the by I am a little inclined to that feeling. But the M.D's think they have broke the disease and if that is the case away with despondency I declare. I now feel some like having a train and if I was only down East I would "Cook up" something before I right but here I am a stranger as you may say and it won't do to be to forward. To night we have a sing and if don't have a tune with some of the "Hawk Eyed Beauties" then it will be because I have forgotten how. By the way for we have some of the kind of I have just mentioned there is one in particular from Cincinnati Me Lods I was only three minutes falling in love with her. I began to think coming

West had made a perfect "Sebastopol" of my heart: "Many is the time I have tried to melt before some Western Beauty" but I could not thaw out. But alas how frail are human calculations. The first thing I was stormed and like a "Sebastopol" fell. Not only one side but both sides of the battle fell to add fresh laurels to my fair conquerors brow. Red cheeks sparkling eyes & a merry laugh were my destroyers. Awful Aunt M. But Cor don't think I shall not survive these battles doubtless if at all. Well Adelaide is married we had a nice party about 90 were present. She married Mr Geo. Greenwood and so ends the romance of Ad's life. I told her she had better marry Drywood as the case is now she may have some trouble in baking. But then I don't think she could have done better. He is a fine young man has 360 acres of land New House & Everything as your Cor By wishes to have. My Commence housekeeping in December. I never trained harder in my life than I did at the wedding. I was in my glory had about a dozen trying to keep me still (You know I love opposition) and the rest said go. By. Ad boxed my ears. I should think sometimes in two hours I stood up with them. I could see a smile on half of the faces when I came into the room, as I had met most of them at Celestia's wedding. The next morning I left for Lyons leaving Father & Mother suffering with a severe attack of the dumb ague. I felt awful blue that day. Enough of this. Now speak about Addie Roods. Not rec a letter from me since last Spring.

Well she has not. Nor will she for some time to come. You see Nick when I left ~~Chicago~~ La Fargoville I promised to write to all and I commenced doing so to the girls as well as the Boys. I corresponded with the girls until I found things getting somewhat "mixed" up and I decided to stop all. And I did so. I first stopped one and so on until I found myself under no obligations to correspond with Eastern Ladies Relatives Excepted. That Cor is the way the matter stands. God knows I would like to correspond with Addie Roods and several other young ladies East. But I must say that I think the results are bad. I have rec'd letters from Eastern girls that no eye shall see but mine. Nor would they wish anyone to see them. People in writing letters to distant friends sometimes express warmer feelings than if they were associating every day with them. I know that is the case with Mrs. Now "Nick" You don't blame me do you. Am glad to learn you are improving in health. I want you to be all right when I come next. Now we are having a jam up Trade all I can do & more too. There is two of us in the store and we are on the jump night & day. I do hope the western fever will prove fatal to Lewis & Bro a good lot of money here gets from \$2.50 to \$3.50 per day and some of them no mechanics at that. There is a very great demand for them in Day place (Lyons) so come one & all and you will find it no humbug. Tell Lewis & Bro that By says Cross Jordan if he wants a fortune.

But don't come with the Expectation of finding much
Morality or Honesty for that article is scarce and
in no demands from old settlers. Come & get Your teeth
Curb for if a Hawk Eye cannot do ⁱⁿ none can
I will close with a Kiss to You Com. Freedom for Kansas, a
gibbet for Douglass, a Bullet for Judge Kane, No oppress
for all, Confusion to our Enemies, disgrace to "Pierce"
and three Cheers for Freedom & the Hawk Eye State
Your friend & Co

Love to Uncle Shuts Cousin Friends & Dyson
and let me hear from You suddenly Excuse poor
writing as it is almost dark

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Don't tell

H.C.